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## **Gary E. Jones: Acting Regional Director, Region VI**

Gary E. Jones was appointed acting regional director of FEMA's Region VI in December 2004. Mr. Jones is responsible for administration of emergency management programs in the five-state region that includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. He is also responsible for oversight and implementation of response and recovery operations for presidentially declared disasters in Region VI.

In 1993, Mr. Jones was designated deputy regional director and has served as acting regional director on four other separate occasions. From 1983 until 1993, Mr. Jones worked in the FEMA Region VI Technological Hazards Branch, serving as branch chief and regional assistance committee chairman. The branch program responsibilities included Radiological Emergency Preparedness, Radiological Defense, Hazardous Materials, Earthquake Preparedness, Hurricane Preparedness, Dam Safety and the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program.

Mr. Jones has 41 years of government experience at the federal and state level. Prior to joining FEMA, Mr. Jones worked for the Arkansas Department of Health in a variety of emergency medical services positions and later served three years as the director of Arkansas' Emergency Medical Services Program. Following his 13 years with the Arkansas Department of Health, Mr. Jones served as the Arkansas state coordinator for physician recruitment with the U.S. Public Health Service.

Mr. Jones holds a master's degree in public health administration from Tulane University and a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Arkansas.

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